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**Subject:** Comments on Klamath River TMDL's etc.

Please find my comments on the following:

"Klamath River Total Maximum Daily Loads and Action Plan Addressing Temperature, Dissolved Oxygen, Nutrient, and Microcystin Impairments" below.

I am pleased to be able to comment on this issue. I have lived in Mt Shasta, Siskiyou County California for the last 21 years. I have been using the Klamath River for rafting and a little fishing for 28 years now. Two years ago I introduced my grandsons to rafting in the Klamath. My wife and I are very concerned about the water quality and algae that is in the river. My wife is reluctant to swim in the river because of the pollution and algae. We never use the lakes and I don't fish in the river any more as I don't like the taste of the fish, they taste different than Salmon and trout from other rivers. I think this is because of the water quality. I think more needs to be done to raise water quality in the Klamath and its tributaries like the Shasta and Scott rivers so that the Salmon runs and Steelhead runs are better. The Scott river totally dries up most years in some parts of its bed, and the water quality is not good. The Shasta river is a little better but so much of it's water is used in wasteful irrigation methods that are marginally productive. I understand that the Klamath basin in Oregon has the same issues.

I am glad that this process is going on now to try and restore the Salmon and water quality to the river. The river needs to be shared appropriately and without damaging the water quality. Water use needs to respond to actual precipitation in the basin not some imaginary average. Siskiyou County California is not going to like changes and will resist complying with and enforcing rules they don't like. They still think they live in the wild west and don't need any stinking rules. Thank You John Sanguinetti